

## MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

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## FARMER CONSOLIDATED

## SCHOOL CASE.

The Election Was Legal And The Tax Must Be Paid—Judge Walker's Decision.

The case last week in the Audrain County Circuit Court, of W. F. Carlson et al vs C. T. Powell, Collector of Audrain County, an injunction suit to keep the collector from collecting a 60 cents additional school tax that was voted at an election the plaintiffs claim was illegal because of the notice and the form of ballot, was decided in favor of the collector by Judge Wallace of Fayette Friday.

The consolidated district is at Farber and Carlson and some 50 others, who had opposed the additional tax brought the injunction suit when the issue was carried at the polls.

Judge E. S. Gantt was disqualified from hearing the case, because he had been counsel in the case previous to his election at the bench.

## CHAMP CHIMES.

A few farmers are thru gathering corn. John Kane lost a valuable mare recently. Elmer Dicus is bailing straw.

Mrs. John L. Smith is somewhat better. Her sister, Mrs. Adams, of Bloomington, Ill., is now with her.

Cecil Welder, home on furlough from Funston, for Thanksgiving, appears taller and looks every inch a soldier. We suppose the fatted calf was killed at his home, (and the old cow, too, if necessary.)

Cedar Grove Farmers' Clubs got in a carload of mill feed and one of coal. They paid for six tons more of coal than received. Government has fixed the price at \$2.80 per ton at the mine. A Government weighmaster is evidently needed also.

Rev. A. C. Johnson of Fulton preached for us Sunday morning and Rev. J. L. Nickerson commenced a revival meeting Monday evening.

## SEED TICK AND VICINITY.

Corn shucking in full swing. One-third damaged by early freeze; remainder fair to good, making from 25 to 60 bu. per acre. Stockwater scarce with some people. As usual Jackson and Hendrix Crum were the first to get done gathering corn.

Miss Nellie Hunt has slow fever. Cook Bomar and Marion were in Jefferson City on business Saturday.

Mr. Clark visited in Laddonia.

Miss Lareine Warden, teacher at Americus, visited her parents here.

Our ex-pastor, Beattie Rice, Laddonia, delivered a splendid Thanksgiving discourse at Union Chapel to a large assemblage. Then such a repast as was spread by the Baptist ladies! That's the way they have.

For the Y. M. C. A., Tom Watts made up about \$120.00 in Jackson district; and Frank Waters a good sum in Union; Tom Crum a like amount in Laddonia district.

Miss Elizabeth Walker, the accomplished daughter of Cal A. Walker and wife, motored to Laddonia in company with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kettle, and was united in marriage to Mr. Carter E. Crockett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cad Crockett, Rev. Beattie Rice performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Crockett are splendid young people; the bride has long served as organist at the church.

That royal good fellow, Hubert Warden, is home from Camp Doniphan to visit H. Paschal Warden and wife. Nothing too good for our soldier boys. Hubert will be well entertained.

Miss Bryan Bomar student at Hardin College, brought six of her college classmates out to spend Thanksgiving at her home in this locality.

G. Alex Watts and Cook Bomar assembled a hundred guests at the home of J. Tom Dudley where a delightful evening was spent. When Joe Lockridge, Roy Cowles, Marvin Donnelly and other soldier boys come home Christmas we hope for another such a gathering.

Miss Grace Dudley is suffering with a felon on her finger.

Dewey Franklin has a new Ford. Born, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crum. The fine fellow is named Ellwood Douglass, for Dr. Douglass.

ROAD MEETING—All county road overseers and men in charge of dragging at the county seat are asked to report at the Courthouse at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Judge Alex Carter.



# The Store of Gift Shops

With its hundreds of gifts in every shop, offers you the best selection, the best service, the best qualities and the lowest prices.

## OUR SILVER SHOP

Contains the same standard values in silverware, that has made and maintained our reputation, for the past 28 years, of selling the best silverware that can be made.

Rogers Tea Spoons, set of six ..... \$1.50  
Puritan ..... \$2.50  
Heraldie ..... \$3.00  
Sheffield ..... \$3.50

SPECIAL VALUE.—A silk lined oak chest filled with Puritan Silver, 6 tea spoons, 6 dessert spoons, 1 butter knife, 1 sugar spoon, 6 each knives and forks for ..... \$17.50

## OUR HULL UMBRELLAS

Are the only umbrellas sold with a perfect guarantee of service.

Black silk, Congo wood handle ..... \$3.00  
Black silk, Silver mounted handle ..... \$5.00  
Colored silk, Ivory ring handle ..... \$8.00  
Colored silk, Ivory handle and tip ..... \$11.50

## KNITTING KNEEDLES AND EMBROIDERY SETS

Silver plated needles, a pair ..... \$1.00  
Ivory needles, gold filled top ..... \$2.00  
Amber needles, sterling top ..... \$3.00  
Other styles at ..... \$4, \$4.50 and \$5.00

12 Piece Embroidery sets in leatherette case ..... \$5.00 \$6.00 and \$7.00

## OUR NOVELTY SHOP

Is worthy of a visit; the new ideas, the attractive articles, and the appropriate Christmas dressing and boxing, makes ideal Christmas Gifts at most economical prices.

## ATHENIC ART BRONZE

The American made art ware in vases, clocks, desk sets, ink stands, smoking sets and lots of useful articles, costing from \$1.00 to \$10.00 is unusually attractive.

## Watches

Special Watches and Diamonds for our Christmas trade. The Gift that is the Gift of a life-time.

The beautiful 12 size Elgin, thin model, 17 Jeweled, 4 position adjustment, in a thin Calumet, Dust-Proof case ..... \$35.00

"The Laclede," 17 Jeweled, 12 size, thin model in a 20 year case at \$29.00. The 17 Jeweled adjusted Hamilton in a 16 size Gold Filled case at only ..... \$25.00

EXTRA SPECIAL:—We have a few 18 size Hunting case, 7 Jewel Elgin, guaranteed 20 years, that we are offering at the special price of ..... \$14.75  
Other watches .... \$1.35 to \$150.00

## Diamonds

of a quality and value that will command your attention. We have a most complete line of Rings, Brooches and Lavalliers priced from \$12.00 to \$450.00. We will mount them in the newest styles of 14 kt. white gold, hand engraved mountings.

Remember our Guarantee.

## OUR IVORY SHOP

Contains the genuine Pyralis Ivory in hundreds of useful articles for gifts for every one, from 25c up to \$50.00. Engrave free of charge.

Comb, brush and mirror sets, small size .. \$5.00  
Medium size \$7.50, large size ..... \$10.00  
Photo frames ..... \$1.00 to \$5.00  
Manicure sets ..... \$2.00 to \$10.00  
Military brushes, pair ..... \$5.00

HAND PAINTED IVORY in exquisite colorings of natural flowers and borders is one of our most attractive lines.

Comb, brush and Mirror, .... \$15.00 and \$20.00  
Jewel box \$4.50, clock \$7.50, tray ..... \$3.75  
Perfume bottles, special at ..... 75c and \$1.00

## OUR STATIONERY SHOP

Contains the most wonderful values in boxed papers, per box ..... 35c to \$5.00  
The new Kahki paper at ..... 50c  
Highland Linen at ..... 50c  
Cranes Linen Lawn at ..... 65c  
Cranes Kid finish at ..... 75c  
Cranes old style, per box ..... \$1.00

## CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS

From ..... 1c to 50c  
We show the Gibson Art line of cards in hundreds of styles and elegant Crafters hand tinted cards—Orders for special engraved cards will be accepted up to Dec. 15th. Come in and select your Christmas cards now.

## THE MIDGET ARMY WATCH

With Radio dial and leather strap at .... \$4.50  
Make a fine gift for the Soldier Boy.  
Other Military watches ..... \$7.50 to \$25.00  
Fitted with the new Kitchener and Khaki straps.

## CAMEO JEWELRY

Is more popular this year than ever before. We are showing a beautiful Pink Cameo Brooch in fine gold filled mounting at ..... \$5.00  
A bar pin at ..... \$3.50  
Scarf pin ..... \$2.50

The Christmas spirit is evident in the large number of visitors to Our Store of Shops, and in the daily sales of gifts. Our engravers are now working at nights, and we earnestly urge you to visit us while the stock is complete and while we can give you every attention.

Gifts for the Soldiers and Sailors wrapped and packed according to Postal regulations, free of charge.

"Step in and Look Around"

On the Corner

## WORRELL, The Jeweler

of Mexico, Mo.

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books, Military  
books, Fiction,  
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## PRAIRIE LEA.

F. T. Norris hauled oats to Rush Hill. Mrs. Palmer entertained her mother, her sister and brother, and niece during Thanksgiving week.

Littleby women are very busy planning for the Annual Bazaar which they will hold in Rush Hill Dec. 8. Friends of the Robert Walters family rejoice with them that Robert, Jr., is home on leave of absence for corn-gathering.

Geo. Davis has leased the Weins farm and will move soon.

We learn, with sorrow, of Mrs. Black's death. She formerly lived in Prairie Lea.

Miss Addie Cunningham visited in the D. L. Rogers home Saturday and Sunday. She made an interesting talk in the interest of the Red Cross after Sunday School. She would like

to see a Chapter organized here.

Mrs. Gertie Crawford, nee Bush, spent the holidays at Edgar Stuart's. Cecil Johnson visited his grandparents Thanksgiving week.

Miss Abbie Sullivan visited at home during the holiday season.

## DATA FOR AUDRAIN SOLDIERS.

Having done much genealogical work for the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution I know how important a soldier's record is, and so am planning to keep those of our Audrain boys.

I should like the following data for every Audrain man who belongs to the army and navy: Name in full, where born, date of birth, and if married, name of wife and children, names of parents and grandparents, company and regiment, where stationed, changes in station and promotion.

Clipping concerning him or letters from him would add to the record. His family and friends should furnish this at the earliest convenience. This record will be kept at the public library.

Tine C. Houston, Librarian.

## POWELL FORD

This vicinity was saddened Friday when the Message came that Mr. McMurry's sister died in Indiana. Mr. McMurry and Miss Anna left Friday for Indiana.

Several friends here attended the funeral of Mrs. Black in Mexico.

Mrs. John Quaintance and son of Laddonia spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Milford Berrey and others. Mrs. Jake Newberry is visiting her mother in Illinois.

Milford Berrey is attending Circuit Court in Mexico.

All are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. J. D. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Johnson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamilton, west of Mexico, in honor of their son, W. O. Johnson.

J. P. Powell of Mexico took dinner with M. N. Powell Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Wm. Mason is home from a trip to St. Louis.

Platte Duly erected a garage for Mr. McMurry last week.

Mrs. F. B. Cook gave her husband a surprise birthday dinner Sunday.

The young people and some older ones went in Saturday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Berrey's to hear their new victrola. A pleasant evening

## RHODES-WILLIAMS.

Miss Helen Harned Williams, daughter of Dean and Mrs. Walter Williams, and Captain John Franklin Rhodes, U. S. A., were married at 6:30 o'clock, Dec. 1st, at the Presbyterian church, Columbia, Mo.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. B. Barks, of Mexico, Mo., uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. Dr. Elwang. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The wedding guests in attendance from Mexico were Mrs. R. D. Worrell, Mrs. H. B. Barks, and Miss Mary Barks. The bride and groom will be at home after December 15th at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., where Captain Rhodes is stationed.

Mr. Jake Blum, formerly of Mexico, who built the Windsor Hotel here, died at his late home in St. Louis Monday. He was 70 years old.

Clarence A. Barnes is quite ill.

Sample Shoes \$2.50 and \$3.00

A Pair. Shoes that Wear and Satisfy

## COLLINS BROS.

South Washington St.